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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action having a mail date of  
November 29, 2004. Please amend the application and consider the remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.